

## The Commonwealth.

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The Rocky Mount fair will be held October 28-30th. Efforts are being made to have the best fair ever seen at Rocky Mount.

Hon. F. A. Spruill of Louisville has been appointed assistant District Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina in the place of Solomon Weill, of Wilmington, who has resigned.

The State Fair will be held at Raleigh October 19-24th. The railroad fare is 1 1/2 cent a mile. The attractions are said to be superior to any ever shown at a State fair in North Carolina.

### SAVE NORTH CAROLINA.

THE COMMONWEALTH has already called attention to the danger of forgetting our home interests in our zeal for matters national. There is nothing so important, politically, to the voters of Halifax county as the interests of the county and the State. Let us save the county if possible; and we commend the following timely warnings on State matters by the Wilmington Messenger of last Saturday:

Do not lose sight of North Carolina's greatest interest in the pending struggle. While it is of very great importance surely to carry this state for Bryan and Sewall, and elect the members to the Federal house (wrongly designated distinctively as congressmen, as if senators were not congressmen also), it is really of greater importance to the people of North Carolina to carry it for democracy. No one can estimate now the calamities that will befall North Carolina with a bitter, implacable enemy of the best people in the state as governor; a legislature controlled by spoilsmen and incompetents and perhaps worse; partisan and ignorant judges riding circuits and sitting on the Supreme court bench playing at holding the scales of justice. The democratic press has been too lenient rather than too severe in dealing with judges who abuse power and lower the dignity and character of their office. The attempt to silence the press that dares to criticize their bad conduct by imposing pains and penalties should not deter from a full expression of disapproval and of censure. Men who wear the ermine and draggle it in the political mire and otherwise offend decency and propriety in their conduct, should be exposed fully and unreservedly.

It is highly essential—of tremendous consequence—that the legislature should not be controlled by corruptionists and incapables. It is of the greatest magnitude in results that it should be controlled by the people who bear the chief burden of taxes, and have faithfully stood by the old state in the darkest, dolefullest days of destruction and reconstruction, when the radicals held full sway, and damned and destroyed at will. Russell was with the dreadful gang of desperadoes and "hounded on the dogs of war," saying with great rejoicing in the bitterness of his nature—"Sick 'em, sick 'em, and spare not." Those were blue days, and Russell was young and riotous in his nature, and gloried in the wrongs visited upon the people of North Carolina who had fought its battles and defended its heartstones. Save North Carolina!

### THE VOTER'S RESIDENCE.

News and Observer 13th.

Chairman Holton, of the Republican State committee, wrote to his attorney, Maj. Jno. W. Graham, of Hillsboro, sometime ago, asking his construction of the election law in regard to a voter's residence—where a man shall vote if his wife lives in one precinct and he in another. He received a reply yesterday giving Maj. Graham's views at length. The opinion says that the domicile of the husband draws to it, in law, the domicile of the wife. A man's wife is supposed to reside with him, whether she does so in fact or not. Residence, as used in defining political rights, is synonymous with domicile, denoting a permanent, as distinguished from a temporary dwelling place. Major Graham says further that the part of the law that heretofore required the husband to vote where his family resided, and a young man where he slept, has been repealed, the sole question being where his actual and bona fide residence is, mere temporary residence not giving him the right to vote.

Chairman Manly was interviewed, and said that he thought Major Graham's opinion was correct. He said he had sent out letters some time ago giving the same construction of the law.

### FADS IN MEDICINE.

There are fads in medicine as in every thing else and a "new thing" frequently sells for a short time simply because it is new. But in medicine, as in nothing else, the people demand and will be satisfied only with positive, absolute merit. The fact that Hood's Sarsaparilla has stood its ground against all competition, and its sales have never wavered but have remained steadily at the top, demonstrates, beyond any doubt, the intrinsic virtues of this medicine. The new things have come and gone but Hood's Sarsaparilla rests upon the solid foundation of absolute merit and its power to cure and its sales continue to be the largest in the world.

## BY THE WAY.

### TAR RIVER ASSOCIATION.

#### Notes of Travel.

The Tar River Baptist Association was held at Poplar Springs, in Franklin county, last week, beginning Tuesday and closing Thursday.

Rev. J. A. McKaughan of Enfield preached the introductory sermon. Capt. N. L. Shaw was re-elected moderator and Rev. A. G. Wilcox was re-elected clerk and treasurer. Most of the churches of the Association were represented and the attendance was large every day.

The work of the body was done with perfect decorum, not a word of material difference being expressed throughout the whole session. Capt. Shaw is a fine presiding officer and Mr. Wilcox is a most excellent secretary.

The pledges for the different objects before the body were liberal, and along some lines they exceeded anything the body has ever done. This was the case with Associational Missions, pledges being made for this object to the amount of two thousand dollars. Home and Foreign Missions, the Orphanage, Ministerial Education, Aged Ministers' Relief Fund, and other objects were strongly pledged for. One or two new churches were admitted into the body.

#### DR. HUFHAM AT HOME.

One of the most interesting features of the meeting was the presence of Dr. J. D. Hufham. He has accepted the call to Henderson Baptist church and was just on his way from Shelby. He was for fifteen years prominent in this part of the State and when he left Tarboro for Shelby about two and a half years ago, his host of friends in this part of the State greatly regretted his going; and they now as warmly welcome his return. When he came into the Association on Wednesday the moderator suspended proceedings for a few minutes to allow Dr. Hufham to shake hands. It was hard to tell which was the gladder, Dr. Hufham to come back or the Association to welcome him.

Mr. John E. Ray, who has been in the far West several years, was also present and received a warm welcome and was glad to be in North Carolina again, he said. He is now the president of the school for the deaf and blind in Raleigh.

#### HOSPITALITY OF THE PEOPLE.

More open-hearted and full-handed hospitality we have never seen amongst any people. The entire community, regardless of denominational preferences, seemed not only willing but all too glad to open homes and furnish tables for the entertainment of the body. The next session of the Association will be held at Stony Creek church, a few miles from Rocky Mount.

#### OTHER NOTES.

The editor of THE COMMONWEALTH was most royally entertained in the home of Mr. John Baker. He and his clever and interesting family made it pleasant for all their guests.

One of the best country hotels we have struck in the whole State is the one kept by Mrs. Owens in Spring Hope. We spent a night there and found everything the very best and served in perfect order.

Mr. J. J. Spivey, of Spring Hope, knows how to make a passing stranger feel glad of his home for the night. Returning from Poplar Springs Thursday night we found Mrs. Owens' hotel crowded and Mr. Spivey most bountifully entertained the writer and Rev. R. T. Vann. Mrs. Spivey is a charming hostess and the whole family interesting.

Among others to whom we were under obligations for favors on our trip was Mr. J. H. Mullen who, kindly brought us to Spring Hope on our return.

The farmers of Nash and Franklin counties are thrifty and well-to-do, and with fair prices for their produce would be independent. It was a pleasure to drive over their beautifully undulating country and view their well-tilled farms.

Spring Hope has made great improvement during the past few years. There is quite a number of good business houses there, and a good tobacco market just opened this year.

#### WHY BRYAN HOLDS OUT.

Denver Republican.

Bryan is about the best object lesson in temperance this country has ever known. He would have broken down long ago if he had been a dissipated man but because he has always led a clean, upright, sober life, he is as fresh as a daisy after three months of unprecedented campaigning, and his last month will be his best.

#### MAY BE COMPLETE FUSION.

The latest from Raleigh is that the Democratic Central committee Monday night decided to make a proposition to the Populists to fuse with them on both State and congressional tickets.

Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies the blood, overcomes that tired feeling, creates an appetite, and gives refreshing sleep.

## JAIL DELIVERY.

### PARTICULARS OF THE ESCAPE.

#### The Shooting of Lifesay.

Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.

HALIFAX, N. C., Oct. 12, 1896.

On the night of October 8th nine prisoners broke Halifax jail, not the jail proper, but an out house in which they had been placed pending the repairs to the jail, and made their escape. The night guard became aware of their flight only in time to save the remaining six, (there were fifteen in all in the out house), two of whom had also broken the shackles and were preparing to follow. In one of the sides of the house there is a small gauze window through which they made their escape and it is presumed that they broke this window during the day before.

The night guard found out that they had gone by one of the remaining number calling to them (the guard) and saying that the prisoners had gone and that one of them had taken his coat. Mr. Reid, the jail keeper, was summoned and when he reached the jail at two o'clock that night, the other prisoners in the out house said that they had broken the shackles and window during the day before, and called upon one of the "day guard" who was now present and who said that he had heard a noise during the day but did not know what it was. The jail yard was open, the main gate having been broken open the afternoon before by some one to get out some cement. So, all the birds had to do was to walk noiselessly out of the broken window, out of the gate, and "skeddaddle," which they did.

The guard occupied a small vestibule immediately adjoining, only a door between, the room in which the prisoners were held. The night was dark and cloudy and the guard had no knowledge of the escape, nor would they have known, so they say, if the prisoner had not informed them that they had taken his coat, so noiselessly did they move out. They did the work with a razor and two spikes. How they came into the possession of these no one seems to know. They are yet at large.

#### LIFESAY SHOOTING.

A party had left town to go 'possum hunting on Tuesday night, the 6th inst. The barking of the dogs near town attracted James Ousby, Jr., and John Lifesay, who went out to join the hunters. The hunters were farther away than they expected, so they concluded to return to Halifax and were passing over Quankey bridge about 10 o'clock. They heard a wagon approaching and concluded to wait and get a ride. The wagon came along and just about the time it had passed, some one on the wagon shot. The young men ran off, when a second shot was fired and John Lifesay was shot in the back under the shoulder blade. A surgeon was unable to find the bullet which is still in Lifesay. Mr. Birdsong, an employee of the Harrison distillery, was arrested and had a preliminary hearing before Justices M. H. Clark and John Fenner. He was committed to jail. Mr. E. L. Travis represented the prisoner. Young Lifesay is improving slowly. Both are men of good character. No words were passed, according to the evidence, when the shooting took place. After Lifesay was shot, his companion Ousby called to the wagoner to stop and take them to town, whereupon the driver whipped up the horses and drove in the direction of Halifax. Halifax people all regret the unfortunate occurrence.

#### ENFIELD NEWS.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)

ENFIELD, N. C., Oct. 12, '96.

Mr. S. C. Cuthrell has enlarged his mercantile business by opening a new clothing store next door to J. L. Britt's. Mr. Cary A. Williams of Ringwood, whose general face we are always glad to see, was in town a few days ago. Mrs. H. S. Harrison of Medoc was in town this week on a visit to relatives and friends.

Mr. Jonas Cohen formerly of Enfield is here spending a few days. Miss Nina Copes who has been here on a visit to her sister, Mrs. P. H. Parton, returned to her home at Roper, N. C., last Friday.

Mr. Ben Hale, living in the country about 10 miles, lost by fire on Sunday night of the 4th inst. a large tobacco pack house containing 75 or 80 acres of tobacco.

Miss Cora Arrington of Glenview was married to Mr. Dallas Hawkins of Texas on the 7th inst., by Rev. E. E. Rose. They left the same day for Texas.

Enfield Tobacco market still progresses. Tobacco sold here the past week as high as 25 cts.

Rev. J. A. McKaughan returned last Friday from the Tar River Association and is now away in a meeting at Dawson.

Dr. W. S. Black, Presiding Elder in the M. E. Church, preached two very able and inspiring sermons in the M. E. Church Sunday morning and night.

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By virtue of the power contained in a decree of the Superior Court of Halifax County, N. C., rendered at March term 1896 of said court in the action entitled Minerva Pittman against John T. House and his wife, Francis A. House, I shall sell at the court house door in Halifax, for cash, on Monday the 23rd day of November, 1896, the real estate described in the complaint filed in said action, situated in said county of Halifax and described, as follows, to wit: One tract of land lying in and around Palmyra, bounded by the lands of William E. Cherry and others, containing one hundred and seventeen acres, more or less; and another tract of land lying on the Palmyra and Tarboro road, containing two hundred and forty six acres, more or less, situated in said county.

Both said tracts of land are now fully described in said complaint, and in the mortgage from said J. T. House and his wife, Francis A. House to N. J. Pittman, recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Halifax county, N. C., in book 76 A, page 92, to which reference is made for a particular description of said realty. This Oct. 9, 1896. HENRY JOHNSTON, Commissioner.

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